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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia NO. 25X1

TOPIC Ostrov (Schlackenwerth) Airfield 25X1A

25X1 EVALUATION 1 PLACE OBTAINED 1 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT April 1949 to June 1951

25X1 DATE OBTAINED 2 September 1953 DATE PREPARED 2 September 1953

REFERENCES 1 - 1 sketch on ditto, with legend

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1. Between April 1949 and June 1951, the Siedlice Settlement was constructed just northeast of Ostrov (Schlackenwerth) (N 51/K 70). North-northeast of the settlement was a drilling ground which was bordered by an airfield to the north. The landing field was a large meadow which was bordered by a high forest to the north. The other boundaries of the field could not be observed.
2. The airfield was permanently occupied by 6 single-engine aircraft with propellers and 2 biplanes which were parked on the northern edge of the field. The single-engine aircraft were low-wing monoplanes with long glazed two-seater cabin, red wings and the Soviet star. The biplanes also bore the red Soviet star. The aircraft daily practiced flying individually or in elements of twos and made short and long flights. Air activity was also conducted at night. The biplanes practiced flying almost exclusively during the summer months and, according to Czechs, sprayed insecticides over the fields. Individual twin-engine aircraft landed at the field at irregular intervals. No jet or four-engine aircraft were observed over Ostrov or over Horni Slavkov (Schlaggenwald) (N 51/P 68).

25X1A Comment. So far, only vague indications have been reported on a new airfield northeast of Ostrov. This is the first credible report on the airfield, apparently an alternate airfield, which is not occupied by Czechoslovakian Air Force units. It is assumed that the aircraft observed are Soviet and are charged with the air protection of the Jachymov (Joachimsthal) uranium mining district.

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Legend:

- 1 Airfield
- 2 Siedlice Settlement
- 3 New apartment houses
- 4 Loading ramp
- 5 Loading ramp for uranium
- 6 Camp Vylkhanov
- 7 Drilling ground and target range

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